claims in respect of Amreli district have since been paid.

(c) Action has since been initiated to have adequate budget provision for the scheme so as to ensure prompt payment of claims in future.

Production and Import of Pulses

1653. SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what has been the result of taking various steps to increase the production of pulses in the country during the year 1985-86 ;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have allowed the import of pulses under OGL to check the rise in prices of pulses and to overcome the imbalance in supply and demand of pulses ;

(c) if so, the total quantity of pulses imported under OGL during the last three years, alongwith particulars of importers : and

(d) what efforts are proposed to be made to increase the production of pulses and checking the rise in prices of pulses in the open market ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) (a) All-India production of pulses is anticipated at around 12.5 million tonnes during 1985-86 as compared to 12-12 million tonnes during 1984-1985, despite adverse weather conditions faced in a number of States during Kharif 1985.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The quantities of pulses imported during 1982-83 and 1983-84 amounted to 1.02 lakh tonnes and 2.28 lakh tonnes respectively. The quantity for which contracts were registered for import during 1984-85 was of the order of 3.14 lakh tonnes. Pulses can be imported by all persons under the Open General Licence subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions laid down under the import policy.

(d) To increase the production of pulses, following strategy is adopted in the Seventh Plan :—

(i) Introduction of pulses crops in irrigated farming system, such as double & multiple cropping ;

(ii) Bringing additional area under :—

1. Short duration varieties of urd, moong, etc. in rice fallows utilising the residual moisture in rabi season :

2. In summer season with irrigation after oilseeds, sugarcane, potato and wheat ; and

3. In rabi under lentil ;

(iii) Inter-cropping of arhar in soyabean, bajra, cotton, sugarcane and groundnut both under irrigated and unirrigated conditions ;

(iv) Multiplication and use of improved pulses seeds ; adoption of plant protection measures ; use of phosphatic fertilisers and rhizobium culture ; and

(v) Improved post harvest technology public policies including pricing and marketing of pulses.

From 1986-87, the Government of India have sanctioned an area and production oriented programme, viz. a Centrally Sponsored National pulses Development Project.

Construction of an Annexe Building At Victoria Memorial, Calcutta

1654. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be please to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central P. W. D. has undertaken constructions of a double-storied annexe building in the lawns of Victoria Memorial in Calcutta ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government are aware that the State Government has expressed its opposition to the proposed construction ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Question do not arise.

नर्मदा परियोजना में हुई प्रगति

1655. **श्री मोर्जा इर्शाद बेग** : क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) नर्मदा परियोजना के निर्माण के संबंध में अब तक हुई प्रगति का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) पर्यावरण संबंधी स्वीकृति प्रदान किये जाने के लिये किन किन राज्यों से अनुरोध प्राप्त हुआ है; गुजरात ने पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति के लिये कब अनुरोध किया था उस पर कोई निर्णय कब तक ले लिये जाने की संभावना है ;

(ग) उक्त परियोजना को तेजी से पूरा करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे है; और

(घ) उक्त योजना में विश्व बैंक का क्या योगदान है ?

जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री बो० शंकरानन्द) : (क) सरदार सरोवर परियोजना पर बांध स्थल पर प्रारम्भिक कार्य चेनल व्यपवर्तन का कार्य, मुख्य बांध की नीवों की खुदाई, मुख्य बांध की नीवों के दोषयुक्त जोनों की मरम्मत करना, सैडलों पर रांकफिल बांध तथा 0 से 21 किलोमीटर तक मुख्य नहर पर मिट्टी का कार्य अधिकांशतः पूरा हो गया है। जून, 1986 के अंत तक 346.38 करोड़ रुपए का व्यय किया जा चुका है।

(ख) गुजरात, मध्य प्रदेश तथा महाराष्ट्र राज्यों ने पर्यावणिक स्वीकृति हेतु अनुरोध किया है। गुजरात सरकार ने नवम्बर, 1982 में पर्यावणिक स्वीकृति मांगी थी। मामला विचार किए जाने की उन्नत अवस्था में है।

(ग) और (घ) गुजरात सरकार ने नर्मदा विकास विभाग नामक एक अलग विभाग सृजित किया है। परियोजना के निर्माण का समन्वय तथा निरीक्षण करने के वास्ते भारत सरकार ने सचिव, जल संसाधन मंत्रालय की अध्यक्षता में एक अन्तर्राज्यीय सरदार सरोवर निर्माण सलाहकार समिति का गठन किया है, 450 मिलियन अमरीकी डालर की विश्व बैंक सहायता हेतु एक करार भी किया है। भारत सरकार, विद्युत विभाग, परियोजना से होने वाले विद्युत उत्पादन में केन्द्रीय सेक्टर के हिस्से के रूप में मध्य प्रदेश के विद्युत घटक के लागत के हिस्से में 300 करोड़ रुपये तक सहायता देने हेतु सहमत हो गया है।

Use of N.D.M. C. Chief's House as Club

1656. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item that appeared in the Hindustan Times of 5th July, 1986 under the caption "NDMC Chief's house is a club now" :

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The New Delhi Municipal Committee has about 14000 employees who did not have any recreational facility for quite some time. The demand was considered by the Committee and it was decided to allow this facility at 36, Mahadev Road, which belongs to NDMC. This is a temporary arrangement. The club started functioning w.e.f. 3-5-1986.

Monitoring of Fifteen-point Programme

1657. SHRI KAPIL VERMA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what arrangements have been made for monitoring the implementation of the fifteen-point programme ; and

(b) what is the progress of the programme according to the reports resceived so far ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) The Chief Ministers have been requested to monitor the implementation quarterly at their level in the States. The States have also been requested to ensure monitoring at Distt. Magistrate's level in the districts. At the Central level, the Ministry of Welfare compiles the progress reports quarterly for monitoring by the Central Government.

(b) Reports received so far indicate more or less satisfactory implementation of points 1 to 4, 6 and7. The progress is not uniform in respect of other points in all States and Union Territories. However, efforts are being made, by and large, by most States and Union Territories and Ministries concerned now for effective implementation.

Setting up of sponge iron project in Gujarat

1658. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the setting up of a sponge iron project in the joint sector at a cost of about Rs. 100 crores in Gujarat under the control of the Gujarat Industrial Investment Corporation has been held up as the commitment for supply of gas is not being fulfilled ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the price of gas to be supplied has also not yet been announced ;

(c) whether the Gujarat Government has requested that the quantum and the price of gas be conveyed to them so that the exact location and viability of the project may be determined soon ; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for delay in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The question of fixing prices of natural gas for various uses is under consideration.

(c) and (d) The request of the Government of Gujarat for allocation of gas for the sponge iron project was examined and it was not found possible to give a commitment for the supply of gas as all the gas produced had been committed elsewhere. Gujarat Government was also informed accordingly.